

White County Board Meeting

July 14, 2015

7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the White County Board begun and holden this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi.

Chairman Trout asked the Board if they had received the minutes of the previous meeting and were there any additions, changes or deletions. Mr. Usery made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as proposed in writing. Motion seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board for a motion to approve all current bills. Mr. Puckett made a motion to pay all current bills, seconded by Doshier. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Terry McCormick, Director of the White County Ambulance Service, stated that the service had a profit of \$10,122.00.

Mr. Don Puckett, stated that Sheriff Maier was called out on a detail but had submitted his report to the Board. His report stated that he had received total jail revenue of \$63,643.98 and the jail had an inmate population of 66 prisoners.

The next 9-1-1 meeting will be held on Monday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the White County Courthouse.

Mr. Trout stated that each Board member had received a copy of the Coroner's report.

Chairman Trout stated that Mr. Craig Williams wished to address the Board about a Corporate hog farming operation that may be selecting acreage in Burnt Prairie Township.

Mr. Craig Williams came before the Board to express his concerns about a large corporate hog operation being placed within a quarter mile of his home located in Burnt Prairie Township. He stated that he was concerned for his wife's health and his Mother's. His wife has asthma and his mother has COPD. He stated he had concerns about the water consumption of such a large operation. He was concerned about the property values in that area. He also expressed concern about the roads and the amount of heavy truck traffic. Mr. Williams stated that one of his major concerns was the waste by products. He stated that he would just like the Board to hold a public hearing on this matter so that all the people in the area that would be effected by the operation could express their opinion.

Mr. Matt Henry a representative from Maschoff Farms stated that they were in just the very preliminary stages of looking at establishing and permitting an operation here in White County. Mr. Henry stated that this operation would use 10 to 15 acres of ground that the building and ground would generate around \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 in tax revenue and provide 20 to 24 new jobs in the County. He stated that the only municipal water they would be using would be for the office for their showers and toilets. They would be drilling wells for the watering of livestock. Mr. Nick Anderson of the Illinois

Livestock Management stated that Maschoff's would pick a location and then they would go to the Illinois Department of Agriculture for permitting. There are certain criteria and setbacks based on the number of animals to be housed that must be met in examining their application. Before any permits are issued the Department of Agriculture will ask the County Board to host a public or information meeting. The Board can then make recommendations but those recommendations are not binding and can't stop the project if the Department of Agriculture says that Maschoff's have met all the criteria necessary to be allowed a permit.

Mr. Henry Matz asked what would happen to the waste product. Mr. Henry stated that it would be contained in a covered waste pit and then be injected into the neighboring farmers ground as fertilizer.

Mrs. Doris Williams stated that she had lived in Burnt Prairie Township since 1951 and there are several facts and figures that everyone should be made aware of before making a decision of such magnitude. Mr. Mike Ray and Mr. David Doshier both reassured Mrs. Williams and the audience that as soon as the Department of Agriculture contacted them they would definitely host a public hearing, so that people could address all of their issues and concerns.

Mr. Keith Botsch of Botsch and Associates presented details of the 2014 audit. Mr. Botsch stated that he was very proud of the ambulance service because when you backed out their depreciation they showed a \$41,000.00 profit for the year. He stated that the overall income was down by \$350,000.00 and the expense was down from the year before by \$200,000.00. Mr. Botsch explained that the general fund had a \$14,000 deficit.

Mr. Botsch asked that the capital purchases and capitalization threshold policy be increased to \$25,000.00. Mr. Doshier made a motion that the threshold be increased to \$25,000.00, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Doshier made a motion accept the 2014 audit, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout stated that the next item of business was to approve a Construction Engineering Agreement known as Section 13-00122-00-RS for the resurfacing of the Burnt Prairie Blacktop. The resurfacing will begin from the intersection of Route 45 East approximately 2.75 miles. Mr. Doshier made a motion to resurface the Burnt Prairie Blacktop, seconded by Puckett. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout informed the Board that a Federal Aid Agreement & Resolution on Section 10-09127-00-BR for a bridge 4.3 miles Northeast of Springerton over Prairie Creek. The resolution is as follows:

#### RESOLUTION FOR FUND APPROPRIATION

##### SECTION 10-09127-00-BR

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois and White County believe it would be beneficial to the public if a bridge is constructed on TR 124 (County Road 475E), approximately 4.3 miles NE of Springerton over Prairie Creek, and;

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois and White County are desirous of entering into an agreement to utilize STR and TBP funds for the above construction setting forth the terms and obligations to each agency, a copy of which attached hereto; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHITE COUNTY BOARD, THAT THE Board Chairman and County Clerk of White County are authorized, and are directed to execute an agreement and any subsequent amendments thereto, pertaining to the financing of the above named improvement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is appropriated \$10,400 from White County's Matching Tax Fund as the local share, and it is designated to construct Section 10-09127-00-BR, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this agreement and amendments, when executed in the final form, be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for their approval and final processing, after which each party shall be bound by the terms set forth in the agreement and any subsequent amendment thereto.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF WHITE

I, Paula Dozier, County Clerk in and for the County of White in the State of Illinois, and a keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the forgoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of the County of White, at its adjourned meeting held at the White County Courthouse on July 14, 2015.

Paula Dozier, County Clerk

Mr. Usery made a motion to approve the federal aid agreement and resolution seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout stated that Mr. Doshier had asked that the Investment Policy be amended to include an ethics paragraph which had been left out. Mr. Doshier made a motion to approve the new investment policy, seconded by Ray. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout asked the Board to approve the resignation of Kathy Taylor from the Egyptian Health Department Board effective August 30, 2015. Mr. Ray made a motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout asked the Board to appoint Gail Barton to the Egyptian Health Department Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kathy Taylor. This appointment would be effective September 1, 2015. Mr. Ray made a motion to appoint Gail Barton to the Egyptian Health Department Board effective September 1, 2015. Motion seconded Puckett. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mr. Trout asked the Board to appoint Nancy Buttry to the Egyptian Health Department Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Donald Allen. Mr. Ray made a motion to appoint Nancy Buttry to the Egyptian Health Department Board to fill the vacancy created by Donald Allen. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mrs. Pamela Armstrong, White County Treasurer stated that she had three sets of engagement letters to perform the 2015 audit. She stated that Botsch and Associates, Tanner CPA and Emling & Hoffman PC had given her quotes. She stated that Emling & Hoffman had actually come to the county and visited and their quote was a three year quote in the amount of \$27,000 for the County Audit, \$5,500 for the Circuit Clerk audit and the Single Audit fee of \$5,000.00 if necessary. Mr. Botsch had quoted a price of \$34,500 for the County Audit and \$6,500 for the Circuit Clerk audit and \$5,000 for the Single Audit fee. Tanner CPA quoted a price of \$26,985.00 for the county and \$5,280.00 for the Circuit Clerk. He had talked with Mr. Ray stated he definitely believes in keeping things local but the difference in the quotes makes it almost impossible to keep this local. Mrs. Armstrong said that she believes that Emling & Hoffman had the best quote and sometimes it is just good to let a fresh pair of eyes examine things. Mr. Trout stated that he was impressed that Emling & Hoffman took time out of their schedule to actually visit the County and ask pointed questions about information that would be contained in their audit. Mr. Doshier made a motion to engage Emling and Hoffman to perform the 2015, 2016 and 2017 audit for \$27,000.00 plus \$5,500 for the Circuit Clerk's and \$5,000.00 for the Single Audit. Motion seconded by Usery. Motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board for a motion to reappoint Henry Lewis to the Ethics Committee for a three year term. Mr. Usery made a motion to appoint Henry Lewis to the Ethics Committee. Motion seconded by Ray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout asked the Board to appoint Matt Campbell to a one year term to Coleman Tri-County Services to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Johanna Campbell. Mr. Puckett made a motion to appoint Matt Campbell to the Coleman Tri-County Services, seconded by Usery. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chairman Trout stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Puckett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ray. Motion passed 4-1 on roll call vote with Doshier casting the nay vote.